

I feel strongly that because the LECs operate an "essential facility", they should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. It is my understanding that those of us in rural areas, served by smaller ISPs have the most to lose. Competition is essential to us.